

ABSTRACT

An ink jet printing apparatus is provided in which  
ink absorbers, capable of performing their function to  
5 the fullest extent to quickly absorb an ink that tends  
to coagulate, are installed to prevent an interior of  
the printing apparatus and the back of a print medium  
from being contaminated. To this end, the printing  
apparatus has an ink absorber that contains a  
10 coagulation inhibitor capable of inhibiting the  
coagulation of colorant contained in the ink. This  
arrangement inhibits the coagulation of the colorant on  
the surface or in the interior of the absorber, allowing  
the colorant to be absorbed quickly and uniformly into  
15 the interior of the absorber. Therefore, problems caused  
by a deposition of the colorant on the surface of the  
absorber or by a degraded absorbing capability can be  
alleviated, thus keeping the image output in good  
condition.